

# THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY, 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (chair) David Hatton (vice chair), Jon Bell. David Jordan, Julian Wisniewski and Ann Warwick Oliver, Ian Brooker Park Ranger (part of meeting) Members of the public Draek van der Horn & Bruce Campbell (part of meeting)  
**Clerk:** Julie Macey

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. Paul Ridgers and Duncan Vincent

**MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS:** None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** previously circulated and were signed by the Chair as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING:** None other than those raised under the various headings

## **PLANNING:**

Informal discussion took place in respect of deviation possibly 40-50 years ago of definitive footpath to the rear of Church House, Throwleigh. Mr. van der Horn and Mr. Campbell would like to apply for the path to be diverted to the line that has been in use for many years. They understand the importance of access to the old oak tree and have taken down the post and wire fence in this area. Ian Brooker explained that such an application was a long and expensive process with wide consultation and if such an application were submitted by the end of January, the earliest a decision could be expected, would be September/October.

Proposed single storey double garage/workshop with log store, alterations to existing vehicle track at Clannaborough Cottage, Throwleigh. Circulated. Site meeting taken place. No objection subject to additional evergreen planting on boundary with road.

Full planning application for conversion of Corn Barn for use as self-contained holiday cottage at Monks Withecombe, Chagford. Circulated. No objection.

North Wonson Farm. Comments from planning officer circulated. Container must be removed. Use of buildings must be for agricultural purposes. In this event doors on building may be acceptable subject to planning application but not shiny metal doors. Other conditions such as landscaping must be complied with. Officer amenable to further meeting if required.

## **FINANCE:**

As at 30.12.2015 current account £3,199.70 (including C/F from previous years), business account £650.89 and emergency account £281.27

Various correspondence re. transparency code for smaller councils with turnover up to £25,000 circulated. Councillors to decide whether to opt out and appoint own panel of auditors for 2017/18 or adopt the new 'sector led body'. Confirmation date for opting out now extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March. No confirmation of cost to date of the latter but provision made in 2016/17 budget of £100. Currently there is no charge from external auditor. A unanimous decision was reached to adopt the new sector led body.

In accordance with transparency code, website to be updated to include information on audited accounts, expenditure over £100, agendas etc. Two more items to add, then complete.

Information received from WDBC re precept for next year which includes confirmation that grant will be reduced from £99 to £88. Draft budget prepared and circulated showing an increase of £40.00 (2.43%) to cover possible increase in auditor fees with no contingency. If precept increased by £140.00 to cover auditor's fees and £100 contingency, this would result in a 5.44% increase. WDBC has confirmed no penalty/risk of referendum for increase over 2%. Cllrs. agreed prudent to have a contingency. It was therefore agreed to increase the budget by £140.00 to £3,597 which would be made up of precept of £3,509.00 and council tax support grant of £88. It was also agreed to continue to pay the PCC £330 even though the burial grant of £162 from WDBC would not be forthcoming. To pay: SLCC renewal of membership £77 and clerk's salary of £346.75 plus expenses £8.35. Total £355.10.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Agenda and minutes of Eastern Links meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Minutes of DNPA Forum circulated and noted. Cllr. Hatton met appointed member Simon Hill who offered assistance when required. It was felt that it could be helpful to enlist his support on replacement signposts. Clerk to follow up.

(c) Letter from Lieutenancy Office to Exec Director of South Hams Council re. Patrons Lunch in the Mall in June to celebrate the Queen's reign. Request to be updated of any events to be organised in Devon. Circulated and noted. Similar request from WDBC in respect of any plans for lighting beacons for the event. Noted.

(d) Letter from Devon Remembers Heritage Project event taking place on 14<sup>th</sup> January relating to First World War. Cllr. Bell to attend.

(e) Email from Emma Stockley, community heritage officer of Moor than meets the Eye, setting out details of grant scheme for parish based heritage projects. Circulated. Cllr. Bell has met with Emma. There is £10,000 available to Throwleigh for a parish based heritage project which meets the aims. The project should ideally come out of talking to people in the community. It cannot be used for say repairs to the village hall roof but part of it could be used for say assisting the publication of the Throwleigh archive book on line. It was agreed that in order to get ideas from the community, this could be discussed at the end of the AGM in April. Cllr. Bell to prepare an article for clerk to send to the Parish Magazine for inclusion in the April issue.

(f) Confirmation from DNPA that Throwleigh's appointed member is Simon Hill from Chagford. Circulated.

## REPORTS

None

## PARISH MATTERS

(a) Superfast Broadband. Public meetings took place in November and December. Assistance requested by Jackie Browne re. supply of electric to box at Ash Bridge. Contact made with Western Power and BT. Offer made by Freya Hall of Peninsular Enterprises to discuss apps for communication with communities. It was agreed that this was not required at the present time.

(b) Pond cleaning. Cllr. Wisniewski confirmed too late to clean pond last year due to hibernation of various creatures. Will revert therefore to October half term timing.

(c) Village notice board. Mrs. Playle amenable for small notice board on their land. Pointed out however would need to stand in road to read notices as no pavement. Circulated. Clerk to obtain estimate for replacement board with 3 sections. Clerk to approach Jo Rumble at DNPA to ascertain whether it would qualify for Community Grant. Also enquire about signposts being brought up at next meeting.

(d) Defibrillator. Cllr. Crawford confirmed £2,000 from Speed Sheering available for defibrillator South Tawton have confirmed that they are pursuing purchase of 3 and are waiting to see what funding becomes available before pursuing further. Cllrs. confirmed they were interested and asked clerk to contact BT to ascertain whether it could be housed in the phone box in the centre of the village. The WI are holding a Heart Start Meeting for local residents on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## ROADS

(a) Road closure notices 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November – road from Clannaborough Cottage to Ash Bridge Cross – repair of burst water main and 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March – road from Walland Hill to Walton Cross (cabling work) and 16<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Walland Hill, Murchington (cabling work). Circulated and noted. Kim Warwick Oliver also reported road from Throwleigh to Ash Bridge Cross to be closed 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> January.

(b) Removal of broken signpost at Ash Cross reported to South Tawton Parish Council who have asked to be kept informed. No response from Steve Dawe re. cost of repairing and reinstatement. No response from him either despite chasing for date for JCB clearance work to ditches/drains.

(c) List of Volunteers for snow warden scheme to be updated. Clerk to be supplied with email addresses as well as phone numbers.

## ANY OTHER MATTERS

Date of next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.